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1. Dr. Kwame Nkrumah comes to Tamale today [12 Apr 54] to organize his party's campaign [Convention People's Party] for the forthcoming elections [June 1954]. There are to be 104 seats in the new Legislative Assembly. CFF to get at least 85 of these.
2. There is a new party called the Northern Peoples Party, just formed. Northern chiefs are the principal leaders in it, and it is a last effort to retain some sort of power. They will win a few seats (maybe six or eight), but they will not be able to do anything constructive. It is a dying man's effort to stay alive.
3. A Muslim Party has been formed. They may win a seat or two. It is a shame that a new country should divide on religious grounds.

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